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- 1. The Politburo of the SED Central Cormittee discussed the Jewish question extensively prior to the pronouncement of "Lessons from the Slansky Trial". Walter Ulbricht established the ideological basis for these discussions. He maintained that the crises which the USSR had to face over the past thirty years were almost entirely attributable to the Jewish elements in the opposition to progress. Ulbricht declared that the international dispersement of the Jews, who socially have become more and more assimilated by the propertied classes, was an important reason for this. He maintained that certain Jewish intellectuals have collaborated with the working class only as a springboard to power and influence. A further point was that Jewish forces in the Communist novement were almost totally at odds with the national objectives at any time. There factors becare important only when the Zionists founded their own state. He went on to my that the state of Israel is today in many ways considered an energy more dangerous than the UfA, because the existence of this Jewish home state has made all politicians who are Jewish feel that they have loyalties above and beyoud those which they owe to their native country. It was as if a competitive Internationale had aprung up alongside the only Internationale of the Communist novement.
- 2. Ulbricht emphasized his remarks by stating that this was the viewpoint held by Moscow and it would play an important role in future politics. Thus it would be necessary to school the greater part of the functionaries along these lines of thought. In the next three months the MED actives are to be trained systematically in this field.
- 3. Fred Celsener is teaching SED propagandists in a special course at the Karl-Mark-Mochschule. The course began early in January and was to run until about the middle of January. It was devoted to the inculation of the line described above.

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